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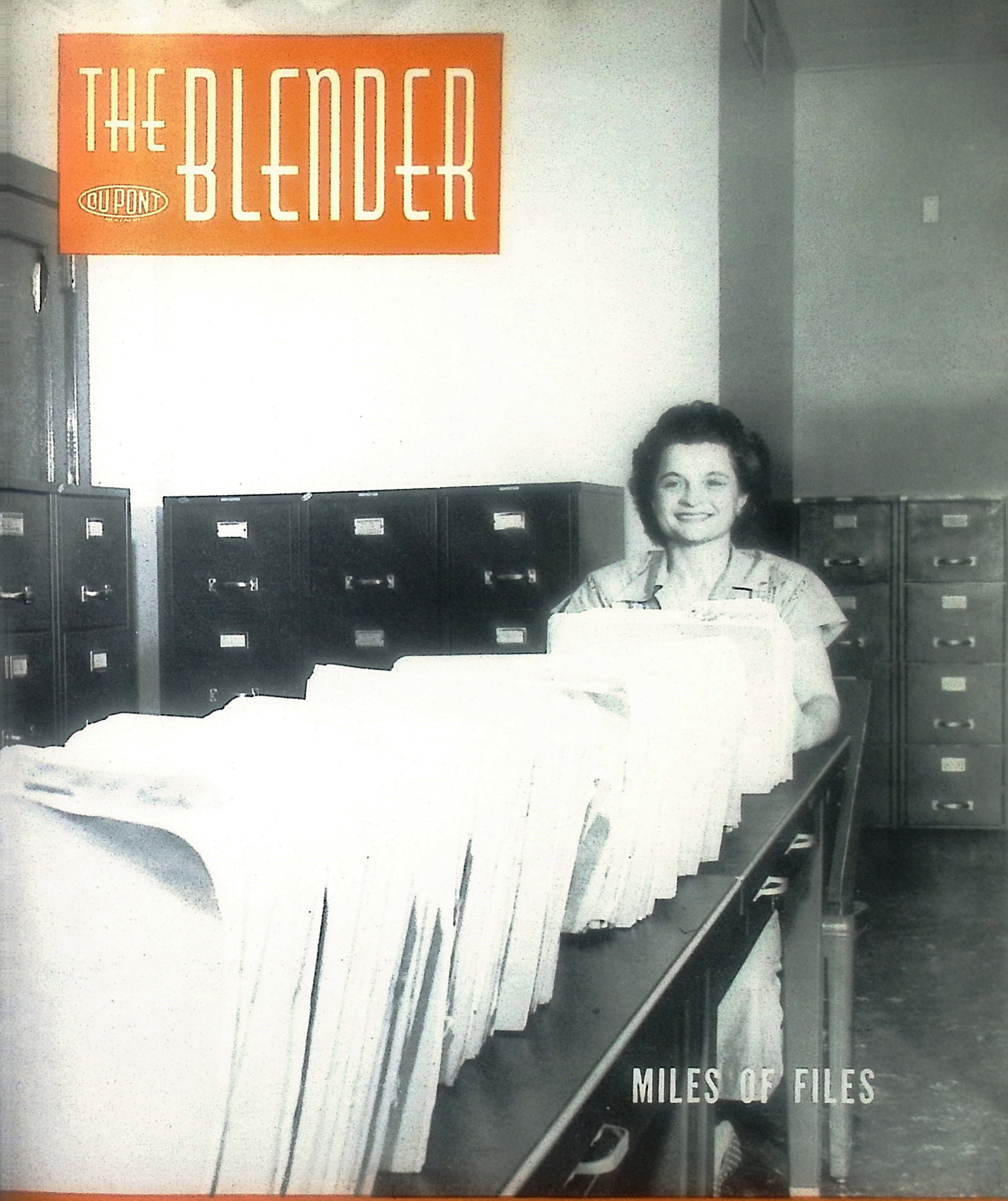

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THE COVERS

(FRONT) MATTIE MYERS, Head Stenographer, sits behind Miles of Files in Central Files Office (see story pages 9-11). (BACK) HELEN THOMASON, Inspection, models a three-tiered nylon tulle evening dress. It is flame-resistant, durable and wrinkle resistant and needs no ironing.

Twenty-five years ago this month I was traveling through Georgia looking for a job. Prospects did not seem very encouraging when one night there came a call from a relative saying that one might be had with what was then the Du Pont Fibersilk Company at Buffalo, N. Y. Having arbitrarily decided that I did not want to work for a big company, I was far from enthusiastic over the prospect. But a job being a job at that time, it seemed the wise thing to take what I could get. Now after a quarter of a century I feel a distinct sense of pride in being a part of an organization that has been able to accomplish so much because of its very size and the extent of its resources. For in this comparatively short period of time, the Du Pont Company has expanded into numerous communities, giving employment to thousands of people and manufacturing many additional useful and worth-while products which have contributed to the health and happiness of people all over the world. It has been my privilege to see hundreds of people who are employed by the Company prosper as they have never prospered before. In addition to paying a wage that has permitted a high standard of living, many other fine things have been done for the employees, among which are annual vacations with pay and adequate care during sickness and disability.

In all places where Du Pont plants are located you can see the community increase in wealth and population. People come from surrounding territories and from other sections of the country and soon become a vital part of the church and civic life of their new home.

It seems to me that a company making a contribution of this nature to the welfare of society is worthy of commendation rather than condemnation.

UNLESS WE CAN GO AHEAD WE MUST GO BACKWARD...

Business conditions in America can't stand still: when things are not getting better, they are getting worse.

The reason for this is that about 4½ million American workers make their living doing the things that have to be done when business is getting better: producing such things as new buildings, new factories, new machinery, new railroads, etc.

Unless these 4½ million are working, the entire nation is in trouble.

These things they make are called "capital equipment," "durable goods," etc., but they can all be lumped under the general heading of "new investment of peoples' savings."

The people who invest in "durable goods" (which really are our tools of production) do so because they believe that business is going to keep on getting better (as it has during most of the last 175 years), and when they feel that it isn't they stop buying additional tools.

When this happens the workers making those tools lose their jobs.

Pretty soon, this unemployment spreads all down the line.

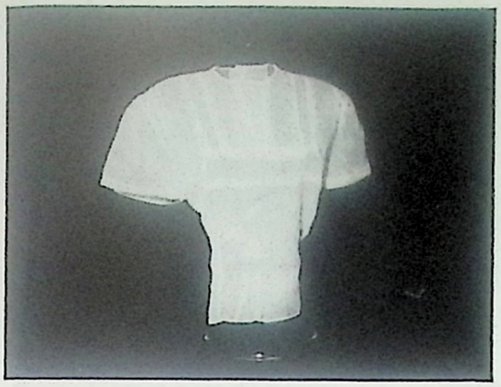
Things start getting better when the "new investment industries" begin to get better, people resume investment of their savings when they "feel" things are getting better.

Then everything DOES get better and QUICKLY.

But when this "feeling" comes to the people depends a great deal upon what the government does when the depression starts. There is a cockeyed theory that if the government starts spending money of the taxpayers, everything will be all right. The idea always flops. Any such crazy idea can do nothing but flop.

—Editorial in the Hercules *Blender*.

SEEN AROUND TOWN



Practically ever-wearing are nylon blouses. Even this dainty appearing, sheer number will stand endless washings. See this and others at a local ladies' wear shop. It's a real buy.

If this is your slip, be proud if it's showing. All nylon—lace, straps, even thread. One of the most beautiful we've seen. In white or black at a local woman's apparel store.

Troubled with dingy looking lamp shades? A local furniture store is featuring plastic shades which can be kept bright and gleaming with simple washing. You must see it!

Feminine Fancies

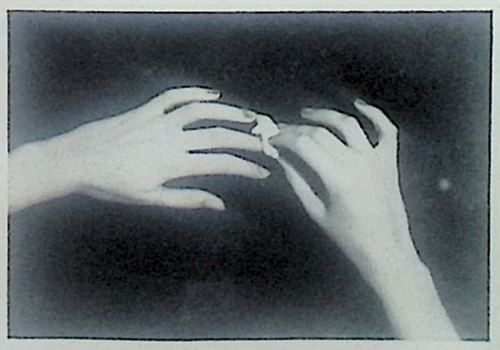
HERE'S AN IDEA

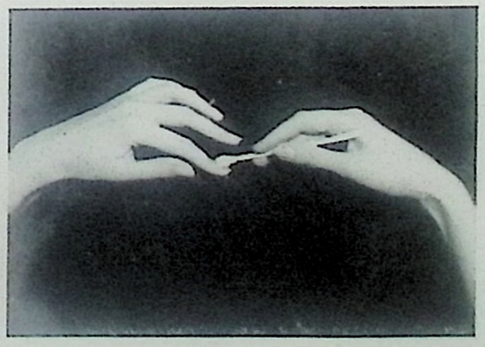
Mary Hodges, Textile, demonstrates how she uses the new gloves of Du Pont Neoprene rubber.

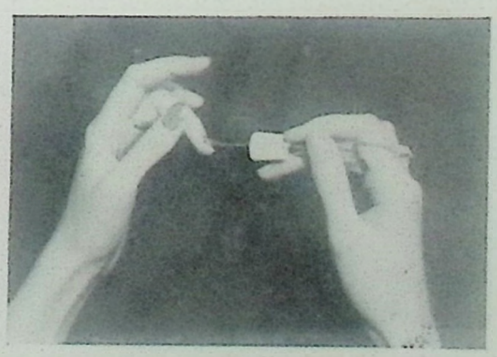
Even in the hottest dishwater, hand comfort is possible with these gloves because they are made with soft knitted cotton linings which easily absorb perspiration and reduce the ability of heat to penetrate the glove. An added advantage for dishwashing is the roughened surface which extends to the middle of the gloves, giving a non-slip finish that assures a firm grasp on soapy, slippery dishes. The tough Neoprene coating comes in attractive bright colors and is not affected by hot water, cleaning soaps or kitchen greases.

In addition to dishwashing, these gloves will lend themselves to many other household chores such as: Washing woodwork, the car, cleaning the basement and any other place where the hands ordinarily receive rough treatment.

Due to the cotton lining and tough Neoprene exterior, these gloves offer protection against small cuts and scratches which might lead to possible infection. Every housewife should have them.







TRICKS FOR FINGERTIPS:

1. Complete removal of old polish is a must. Saturate small cotton pad with remover, hold over nail for a few seconds, rub toward tip, off comes old polish in one quick stroke.

2. Wrap orangewood stick in cotton, dip in remover, work around base and sides of nail. If cuticle won't push back easily, don't use force. Moisten cuticle well with oily cuticle remover, leave on several moments and repeat.

3. Now for your first coat of color. The trick here is a thin first coat and generous second. This shortens drying time and insures a smoother second coat. Bring the polish over nail edge and under tip to prevent chipping.

NEARLY one-third of what employees earn is spent on taxes, direct and indirect. They seldom think of their tax burden beyond amounts withheld from pay checks for Federal taxes. "Hidden taxes" are paid on everything they purchase.

TAXES COME FROM THE PEOPLE

Hundreds of Hidden Taxes Appear In Every Article Purchased

Did you ever wonder how much of your earnings are spent on taxes. Of course, you are constantly reminded of the DIRECT taxes you pay by the Federal Income Tax withholding figures on your pay check. Other direct taxes, such as state, sales, local property, amusement, luxury and telephone levies, are also easily recognized as they bite steadily into your bankroll.

But how about INDIRECT or "hidden" taxes? Everything you buy—food, clothing, household goods—includes in the retail price a host of hidden taxes. This is so because everyone from the raw material supplier through the processors to the distributors and the retailers has taxes of his own to pay which, if business is to survive, must be included as part of the sales price of the goods and services you buy. You, the consumer, pay a proportional share of all the taxes levied all along the line. Take, for instance, taxes on a new car. They are too complicated to figure out. You would have to go all the way back to the coal and ore mines to calculate your proportional share along with that of the shippers, parts makers and suppliers right on down through the manufacturers' and dealers' taxes.

Make no mistake about it, the individual pays all the taxes that go to government for its support. For in the true sense of the word, business must COLLECT taxes from the public for the government.

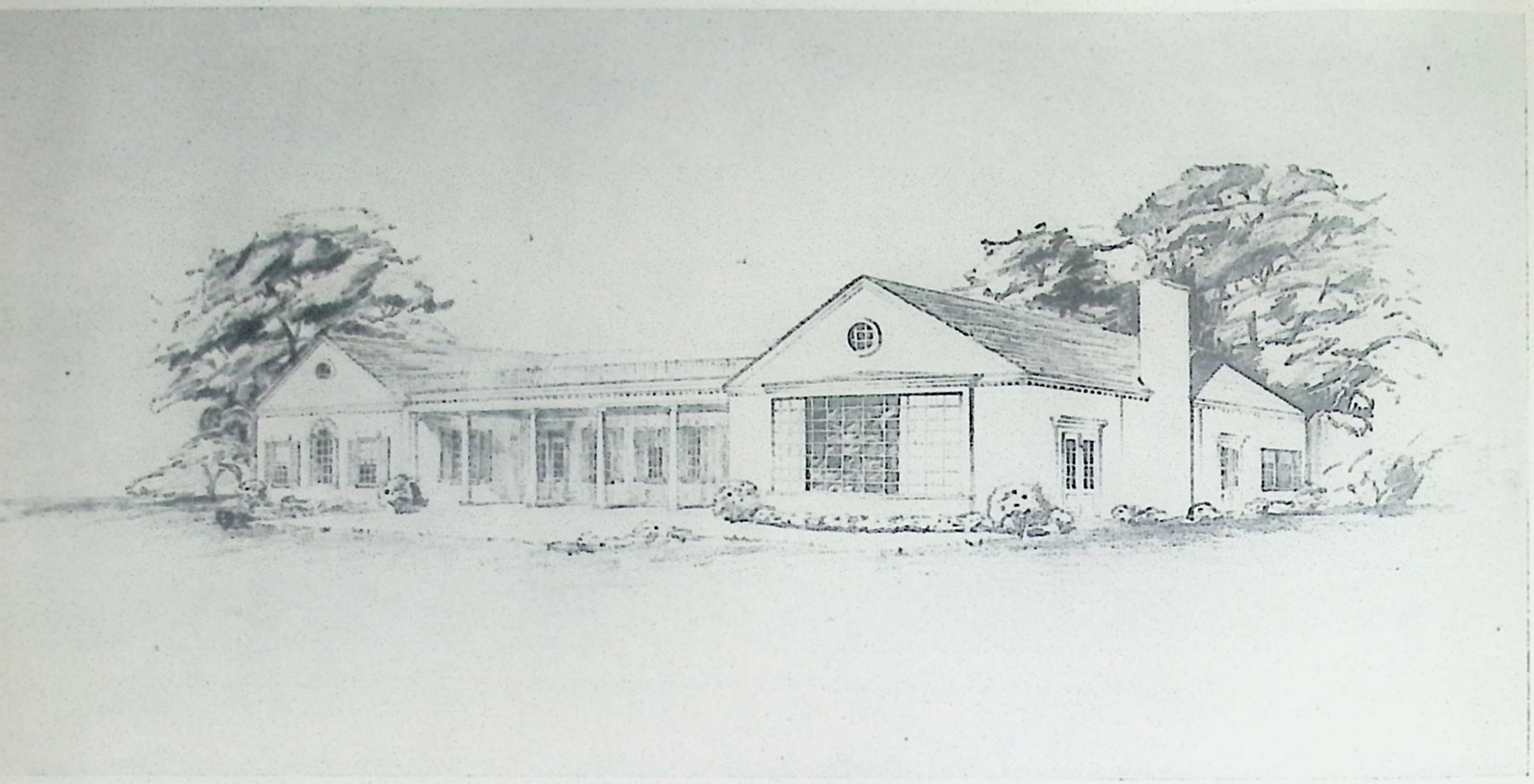
So when you hear talk about "let the corporations pay the taxes" pause and reflect that it's YOU who really pay. Add up all your taxes, direct and indirect, and, as nearly as the economists can figure, YOU are paying out 30 cents of every dollar you earn. Yes, sir!

HAZEL JAMERSON, Textile, did not know of 400 different buried taxes in cost of shoes for Dolores. Fred Hawks, of the Quality Shoe Store, fits her.

HOWARD SIZEMORE, P. & S., and Lois, Textile, look over a new car in the showroom of the local Chaney Motor Company. Manager Jerry Chaney explains to them many "hidden taxes" in cost of new cars. Little Joey will get his taxes later.

JAMES HESTER, Maintenance, "fills her up" at Jack Holland's Service Station. Tax complexity goes all way back to oil well lands.

OUR Company's Federal Tax bill for '48 was roughly 90 million dollars paid out of income. Company's Federal Tax form is typed by Irene Wadman, Wilmington. Wesley Porter, Tax Division, checks figures.



ARCHITECT'S drawing of new club house approved for Club members of the Martinsville Plant. Construction, which will start at an early date, will be completed in approximately seven months. It will add to the social life of employees.

SITE of new club house. Spot marked in picture above will be approximately center of structure.

NEW CLUB HOUSE APPROVED

Beautiful Structure Will Be Completed About February

The old saying that "All things come to him who waits" was borne out on July 28 by the good news that a beautiful new club house had been approved for club members.

The initial construction of the Lynwood Golf course was begun by a group of approximately 250 employees working on their own time and initiative in the spring of 1946. Later in the year, the Company noting this initiative and enthusiasm, saw fit to contribute substantially toward the construction of the course. As a result, a beautiful course was opened for play in the fall of 1947.

Ever since the completion of the course, the members felt the need for a modern club house, and in 1948 began making plans for this building to be financed by the membership. After much active work by the members, plans were presented to the Company whereby members would be able to get the structure financed. The interest of the membership in wanting to do something for themselves was again influential in creating a desire on the part of Company management to erect this club for us.

The building, to be constructed along the lines of colonial architecture with an interior of pine paneling, is the end result of the desire of club members to take the initiative for additional recreation facilities.

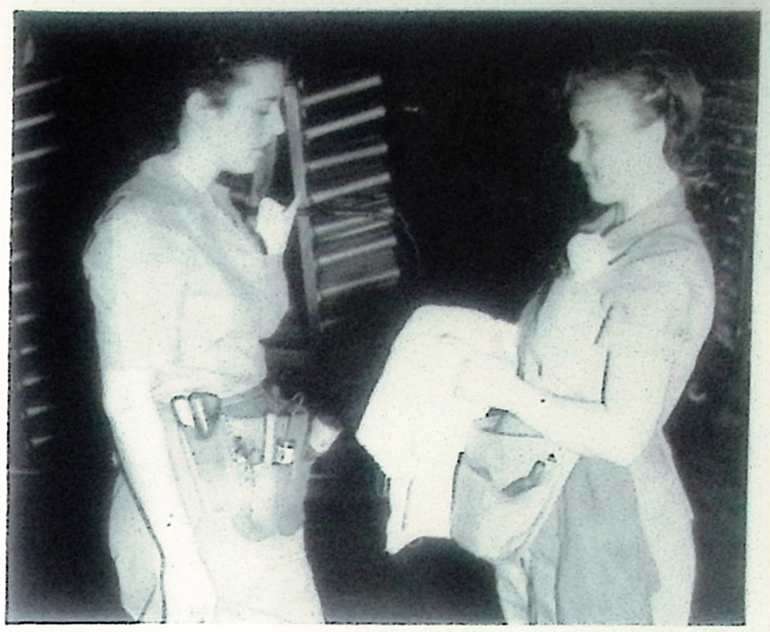
Construction of the club, which will start immediately, will be completed sometime in February barring unforeseen conditions.

Quality Quotes On Pirn Stains

TEXTILE girls from each shift are quoted on the importance of eliminating stains on pirns — It can be done.

HILDA HARRIS—"Our Forelady says we've received five customer complaints such as that on this pirn since January 1, 1949. Five complaints! Think of it and what that means!"

FLORA EANES—"That's bad. Stains are something we can definitely stop by following standard practice and being more careful. Stains will lose many customers for us."



NANCY ADKINS—"Stains woven into cloth like this are almost impossible to get out, our customers complain. This type of cloth has to be rejected or sold as 'seconds'."

EVELYN SMITH—"Yes, I guess the stained fabric has to be rejected, and this, too, will cause us to lose many customers. Nothing can be worse than those woven-in stains."

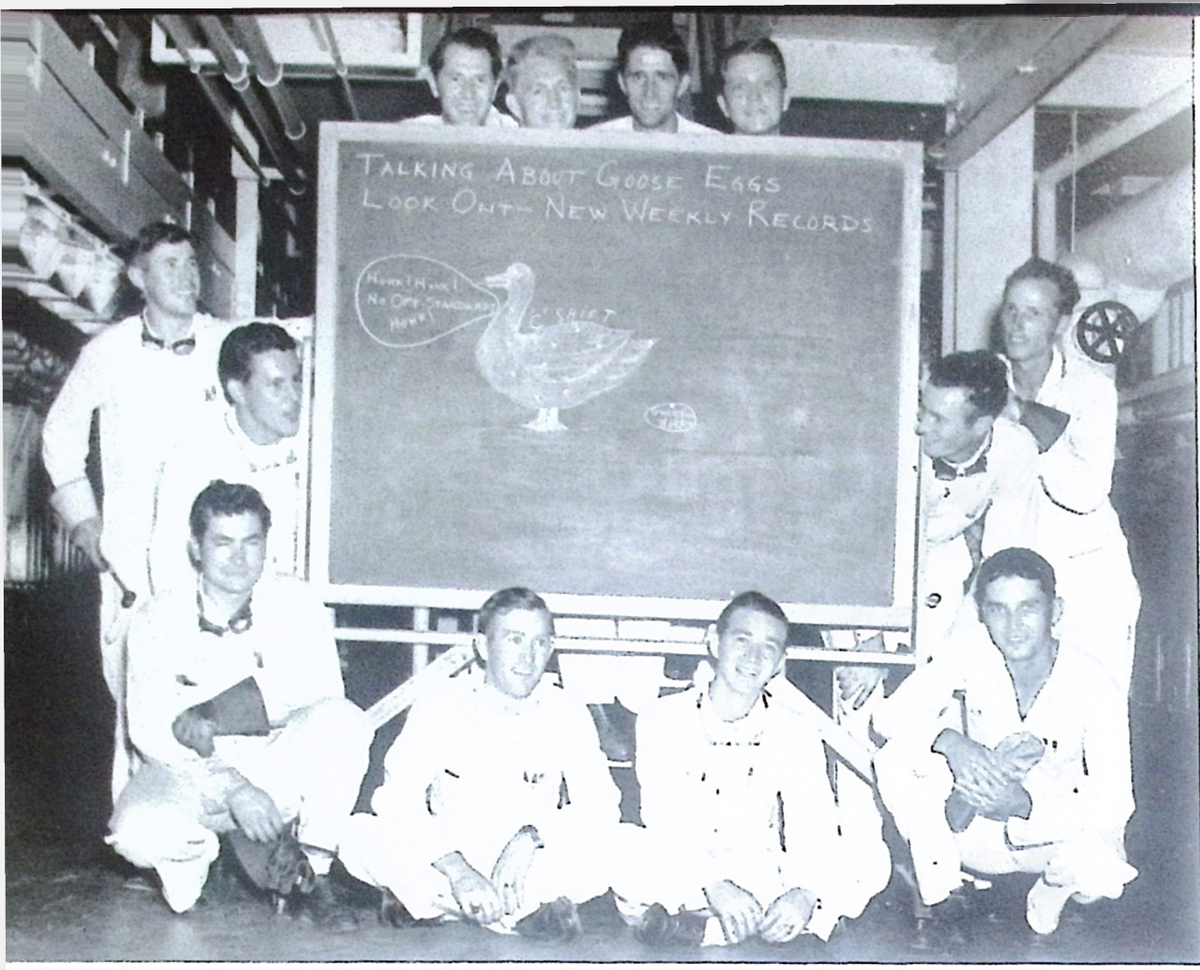
They Can Be Eliminated Now . . .

AUDREY SIMPSON—"Let's try to make our shift the first to eliminate stains on these pirns. I know it can be done if we'll all give this matter careful thought."

LUCILLE WHITLOW—"You bet we can and I'll do my part. I know what these stains on pirns and in fabrics mean. I would like to see every complaint on our yarn eliminated."

ROBERTA STOWE—"One way of eliminating some stains is by keeping our hands clean. It's a simple matter to stop these stains. Just watch our shift's work from now on."

HAZEL JOHNSON—"You bet! We can stop many stains by keeping our machines clean and by more careful oiling of travelers. Yes, we will show other shifts how it's done."



TWO NEW PLANT RECORDS

CURTIS FAIN, Ben LaPrade, Fred Harris, Frank Spence, Ralph Knowles, Wes Mattox, Jim Estes, Ed Compton, Madison Robertson, Walter Burge, Bedford Woodard, Mack Grindstaff, P. & S. Area, celebrate their no off-standards record at the same time.

The BLENDER gives bouquets to "C" Shift, P. & S. and Inspection and Shipping for setting some recent Plant records for other shifts and other areas to shoot at. "C" Shift, P. & S., had two perfect off-standard checks during the week of July 19. Never before has any P. & S. Shift accomplished this fine performance.

In June "C" Shift Inspection and Shipping had three no off-standard days as shown by the records of the Standard Practice Checker, and only seven off-standards for the entire week, just think!

These are the kind of records that please both us and our customers. They are records that will continue to assure quality products for our customers and jobs for us. This means security.

Every shift can establish such records. Our congratulations go to all of you!

OTTO LUTNESS, Area Supervisor, Inspection and Shipping, congratulates Doug Shelburne, "C" Shift Supervisor, on his group's excellent record — three no off-standard days in June — while several members of the shift look on.

MATTIE MYERS, HEAD STENOGRAPHER, OLIVIA ANDERSON, ANNIE LEE NUNN PREPARE FOR A BIG DAY.

STENOGRAPHIC GROUP AND CENTRAL FILES

These Areas Are Among Plant's Busiest Spots

"S" is for stenographers—those "you can't do without" persons who are expected to use perfect grammar (although it doesn't come to them so in many instances), be walking dictionaries and never make mistakes. There are five of them in the Stenographic pool. Their duties consist of dictation and typing for all office and Plant personnel who do not have their own stenographers.

These girls, all of whom completed full secretarial courses in business schools, use electric typewriters because they are faster and easier to operate. They take dictation from shorthand and from the Ediphone.

In this area valuable experience is acquired for possible future assignments as secretaries—those "indispensables" to very busy supervision whose duties require a full-time secretary. Similar services are furnished in the Employment, Medical and Purchasing sections by girls reporting directly to the respective group head under whom they work.

HENRIETTA ROBERTS looks up a tough word in the Webster's Unabridged Dictionary. It's a must in their word battles.

SEVEN SECRETARIES

THESE seven girls (pictured below) are secretaries to the members of the Staff and other supervision whose duties require a full-time, trained girl.

(LEFT TO RIGHT) Mary Evelyn Spencer, Edith Hawkins and Henrietta Roberts, Stenographers, do all kinds of Plant typing and take dictation.

GLADYS CAMPBELL is secretary to Plant Mgr. and Manufacturing Supt.

GLADYS GRAY is at the helm in office of the Technical Supt.

EMILIE ROBERTS carries on for the Process and Equipment Development men.

MARY SHELTON does duty for Works Engineer and Assistant to Manager.

JENNIE GILBERT "holds reins" for Service Supt. and Supervisor.

LILLIE DOYLE keeps wheels rolling in the office of Chief Clerk Huffaker.

TRULA WRIGHT tends office for Project Engineering, Minor Construction.

MARY EVELYN SPENCER is shown at the long-carriage typewriter used for Project, Cost and Methods and Standards forms.

WHEELDEX kept by Elizabeth Wicker is complete file key of previous and current records in central files.

ANNIE LEE NUNN takes dictation from Ediphone. There are several of these machines on the Plant.

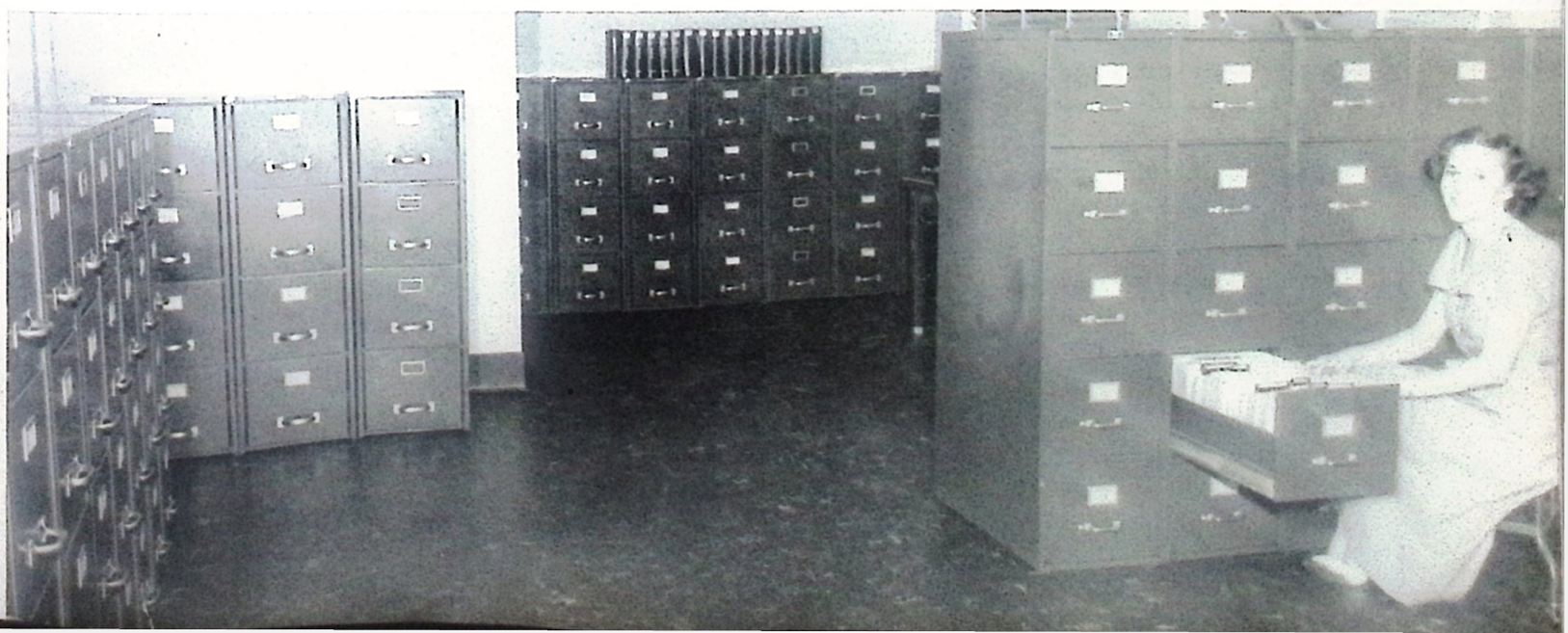
THE Western Union teletype sends and receives messages.

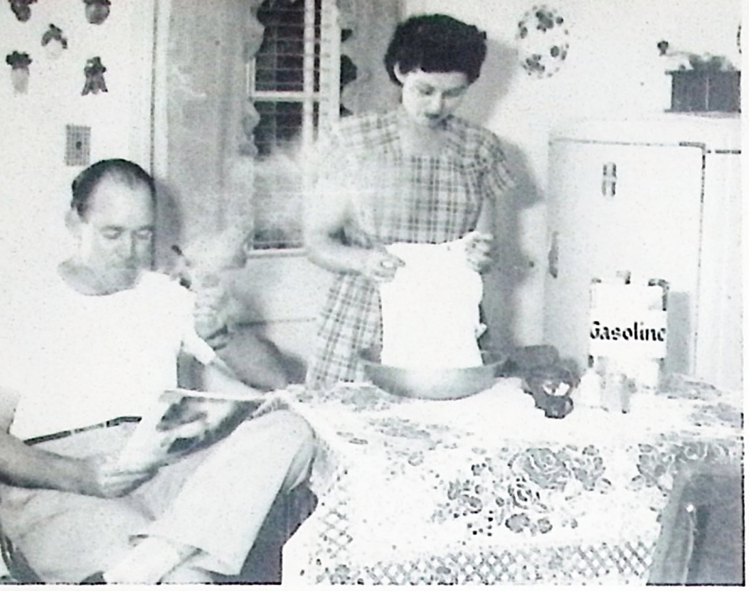
CENTRAL FILING TREMENDOUS JOB

Central Files in charge of Elizabeth Wicker is the central filing location for all records other than those strictly confidential or dealing with personnel. Here a day-to-day tickler system for office and plant personnel is maintained.

Current records are kept in filing cabinets in the central filing room shown below. At the beginning of each year records are transferred to record storage rooms. These rooms contain thousands of wartime records which must be kept indefinitely. Also thousands of clock cards, tests and other records kept since the Plant start-up are housed. What a task!

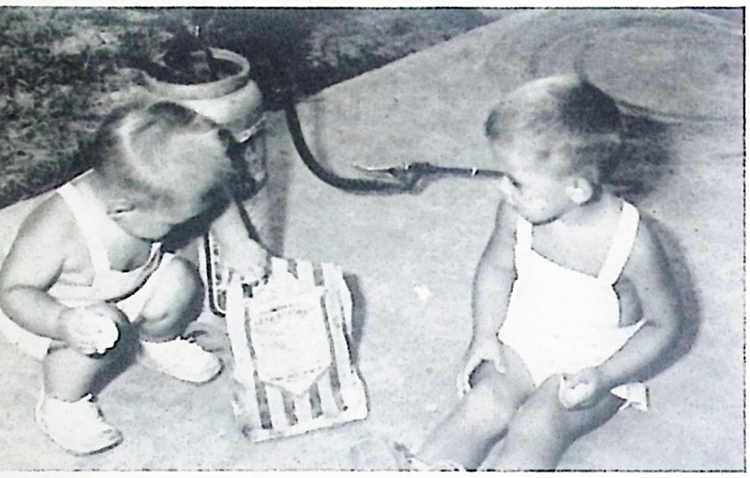
CENTRAL FILES IS THE CENTRAL FILING LOCATION FOR THOUSANDS OF MANY KINDS OF PLANT RECORDS.





CURTIS and Bea Gilley enact a sure way to cause trouble — cleaning with improper cleaning fluids.

FRED ROBERTSON demonstrates a bad practice — putting oily rags in garage. They cause many fires and violent deaths.



KIDS are cute but curious. Many like Ronnie and Michael Cannaday will get into arsenate of lead.

Misuse of CHEMISTRY IN THE HOME

The National Safety Council figures show that 32,000 Americans were killed in their homes last year. Many thousands of these were victims of the MISUSE OF CHEMISTRY IN THE HOME. The pictures on this page show you a quick way to reach the graveyard. LET'S ALL STAY ALIVE!—By PROCESS CONTROL GROUP

TOMMY MARSHALL, son of Elizabeth Marshall, is typical of kids — bottles attract them. Lock up poisons.

CLYDE FULCHER shows us Public Misuse No. 1 of kerosene — starting fires with it. It can be dynamite when used this way.

Personal Stuff

P. & S.

"A" Shift

We welcome *Jim Dallas*, *Jim Ekenrode* and *George Parker*, student operators, to "A" Shift . . . "A" Shift is having their shift picnic on the 17th day of August and everyone is expected to have a good time. Let's all remember and make that day a big outing . . . The new cars are really filling the parking lot now with *Henry Fulcher* driving a '49 Ford, *Harry Lee Dunn* driving a '49 Chevrolet, *U. T. Motley* driving a '48 Pontiac, *James Wright* driving a '49 Ford, *Melvin York* driving a '49 Mercury, *Ira C. McCrickard* driving a '49 Buick, *Billy Rice* driving a '49 Pontiac and *Fred Wray* driving a '49 Ford . . . We have rumors that sometime in the near future there will be an "A" Shift race to be held at the nearby race track with all these new cars . . . Congratulations are in order for *Garnet W. Doss* and also *Howard C. Corns* who recently married . . . *Emil Johnson*, during our last safety meeting, gave us the reason for *Melvin Riggs'* short haircut . . . *James Roberson* is getting an alarm clock for a safety prize, he is very hard to wake up when it is time to go to work . . . The shift is really enjoying the cake and cigars and are going to try and make it a monthly affair by keeping and trying to better the off-standard record of last month.

By Al Beard

"B" Shift

We welcome *Joseph C. Shaw* and *George F. Corse* to the shift as student operators . . . Congratulations to the *James Gilberts* who have a new boy, born July 16th, weight 9 pounds . . . *Claude Clifton*, *Fred Gilley* and *Mack Clifton* report having real fisherman's luck at Buckroe Beach. *Mack* caught two and *Fred* and *Claude* none. One of the big ones that got away began rocking the boat so badly that *Claude* got sea sick . . . "B" Shift welcomes *Johnny Moran* and *Curtis Stanley* as new members of the Golf Club. We understand they both swing a wicked stick . . . *Herb Thorn* doesn't expect to log much flying time on those new Wilson clubs of his . . . We've discovered that *George Powell* has a very fine set of vocal chords. His favorite song is "I Didn't Know the Gun Was Loaded" . . . People down Leaksville way say the most exciting thing around there since the "flying saucers" is *Bill Bouldin* tearing down main street in that antiquated T-Model.

By Mead Turner

"C" Shift

Approximately 250 employees attended the recent "C" Shift picnic at Fairystone Park. Swimming and boating were enjoyed during the day by many of those attending . . . *Jo Reynolds* lost the red bow-tie title to *Harry Dillon*. What's wrong, *Jo*, the wife must have had some influence? . . . We hear *Charlie Martin* would appreciate a donation from the Denier Room boys so he can go see his girl . . . *Tom Cox* has been reported seeking a contract with some broadcasting station to do a little crooning. We all wish you luck in this adventure, *Tom* . . . *Vernon Caldwell* is all confused about whose hands he was holding at a local movie. *Buddy* you'll have a lot of explaining to do about this one . . . *Edwin Seay* is said to be heading toward the matrimonial stage. We wonder if the love bug has bitten him . . . *Thomas Bush* is living an ole bachelor's life these days while his better half is visiting relatives in New York . . . *Howard Vaden* is now working day relief . . . We wish to welcome the following supervision to our shift: *Al Twing* as P. & S. foreman replacing *Nelson Scott*, who has been transferred to Textile as supervisor, and *Ben Gardner* as salt house foreman, replacing *Davis Walker* who was also transferred to Textile . . . *Lester Bowman* says its an unpleasant feeling when the cops stop you but the results which follow afterwards are still more unpleasant . . . *Edwin Taylor*, *Clyde Mattox*, *Mack Grindstaff*, *Jim Newman* and *Van Duncan* all report the best of vacations . . . *Frank Spence* talks like he had the most enjoyable vacation ever, two weeks of baby sitting and we think this is an excellent way to break in a new pop . . . FLASH! "C" Shift just completed the week with no mixes, two no off-standard checks, with a grand total of 17 off-standards for the week. Congratulations for a highly commendable performance.

By William G. Hill

"D" Shift

We're glad to welcome the following men to the shift: *Dan Williams*, *Ted Brinton*, *Armon Deal* and *Andy Wright*. . . Our loss was "C" Shift's gain when *Herman Guilliams* changed . . . Congratulations to *Joe Nemmers* on becoming a papa again . . . *Ken Stanhagen*, *Paul Arnn*, and *Strother Shelton* are enjoying their vacation at a good time of the year . . . *Price Witt* and *Clarence Wagoner* are due to begin their vacation July 23, *The Wagoners* are Florida bound . . . A good number of people have been wondering lately what has happened to the shift's baseball team! Maybe they could use more support from non-players . . . News seems to be at a premium around the area this month but we'll make up for it next time . . . Since our recent picnic at Fairystone Park, *Matt Hubbard* has been called the "Square Dance King" . . . We hear that *Gerald Wilson* is becoming quite proficient at the knack of driving in the dark . . . It's rumored that *Calvin Smith* will soon become a benedict . . . Those that didn't get to the shift picnic at Fairystone State Park surely missed "a good one." The chicken and music were good and the rains cleared at "Feedin' Time."

By Ken Galloway

Day Group

The following newcomers are welcomed to Day Group: *Jimmy Washburn*, *Howard Vaden*, *Grady Holley* and *Macel Jones* . . . Congratulations to *Betty Inman* who became *Mrs. Clifton Taylor* on May 28 at York, S. C. . . The following people are enjoying vacations at this time: *James McDonald*, *Frank Divers* and *Thelma Draper* . . . Look out girls, *Bob Wheeler* has started collecting cooking utensils . . . *Mr.* and *Mrs. Bernard Hodges* announce the birth of a daughter, *Elizabeth Ann* on May 11 . . . Some people wonder why *Magdolene Koger* is all smiles when "C" Shift works days, wonder who it is? . . . *Bob Wheeler* wants to trade automobiles, he prefers *Bill Clifton's* type, no gas, no oil . . . Now that *Frank Chitwood* is sporting a new automobile, some of us wonder if he will still hold on to those "webbed feet." How about it *Frank?* . . . *Jack Comer*, who recently transferred to "A" Shift is missed by Day Crew as well as by the Ball Club, good luck on your new job *Jack* . . . We all wish *Alice Nolen* a speedy recovery from her illness . . . Day Crew welcomes *Edd Compton* who recently transferred from Day Relief . . . What is this we hear about *Barney Reed* answering to the name of *Smith?* . . .

By Irvin Stone

TEXTILE

"A" Shift

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By Isabelle Jamison

"B" Shift

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By Evelyn Gauldin
Velda Deal

"C" Shift

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By Jessie Crews and Helen Woods

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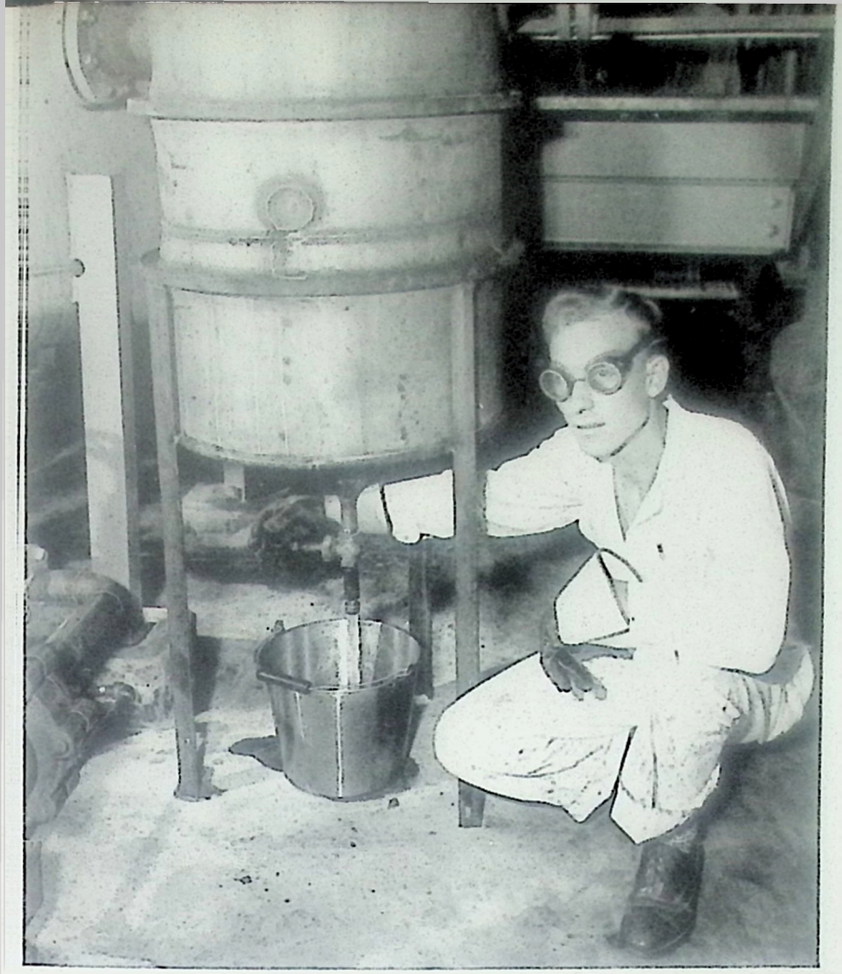
By James R. Hester

JANITORS

We express our deepest sympathy to *Paul Penn*, whose mother recently passed away . . . Back from vacation is *Carl Travis* who visited in Cleveland, Ohio. He reports a swell time . . . *Woodrow Grant* is enjoying vacation at this time. We hear he might head Florida way . . . We imagine *Mary Hairston's* house-cat is still running from that mix-up they had recently . . . *Clarence Self* is predicting more success for our baseball team since *John Hylton* has assigned himself to catching—his regular position . . . We extend a cordial welcome to *Myrtle Young*, a recent newcomer to our group . . . We learn *Eli Dubose* is thinking of getting him a slower-make car so he can check his red light offenses . . . We are glad to see *Lula Hairston* back after a period of illness.

By William L. Travis



TWO AWARD WINNERS

BELOW two award winners are shown receiving checks for suggestions they turned in and were found to be of such value as to merit cash awards. Next month the BLENDER will publish additional cash award winners. Congratulations for a job well done!

JIM TORREY (right) presents Durham Newman award check for outstanding adopted suggestion.

AN OUTSTANDING SUGGESTION

Robert E. Vogler, when working as Salt Filter Operator, observed the evaporator exhaust vent drain emptying into the sewer. He questioned the possibility of having entrained salt solution in this exhaust. He suggested that a small storage tank be installed to collect this drainage. Tests proved this drainage contained salt solution. DROPS OF SALT SOLUTION MULTIPLY TO GALLONS! Pictured above Sam Wray, P. & S., is drawing salt solution from the tank. Your ideas do pay off!

BILL RUSSELL, Electrical Foreman, congratulates, gives check to Cliff Cunningham for adopted idea.

ADOPTED SUGGESTIONS, JULY, 1949

EMPLOYEE

POLYMER AND SPINNING

William G. Hill
Walter B. Brown
Clyde D. Mattox
Martin T. Kelley
Herbert C. Hundley

INSPECTION AND SHIPPING

Carroll H. Dunman

MAINTENANCE

James R. Hester
John W. Tuggle
S. B. Campbell
E. P. Compton
C. R. Steele
T. D. Alexander
Robert J. Morgan, Jr.
Harry G. Hancock

ACCOUNTING

Margaret A. Draper

SERVICE

Walter H. Jones

POWER

Joe M. Dove

SAFETY

POLYMER AND SPINNING

Marshall D. Byrd
Thomas W. Stanley
Lewis E. Brown
Thomas W. Campbell

MAINTENANCE

Robert O. Markham

POWER

C. R. Carmichael

SERVICE PINS

25 YEARS Many hundreds of his friends congratulate W. D. "Don" Hartford for a quarter of a century service with Du Pont—service that has seen him rise from a Chemical and Spinning Operator in 1924 to our present Plant Manager.

Don was born in Decherd, Tenn., attended Prep school in Chattanooga and graduated from Georgia Tech in 1924 with a B.S. in Engineering. After about five months with Du Pont Fibersilk in Buffalo, he moved on to Old Hickory where for the next 17 years he was a Spinning Foreman and Supervisor, duty on special assignments, Area Supervisor in 2B, Textile, Area Supervisor in 2A, Textile, Area Supervisor in Spinning and Chief Supervisor in Plant 1.

From April, 1942, to April, 1946, he was Manufacturing Superintendent at Buffalo. On May 1, 1946, he returned to Old Hickory in the same capacity.

Martinsville welcomed Don in 1948, as its Plant Manager.

In 1926 Don married Carolyn Gwyn of Zebulon, Ga. They met while on a visit in Rome, Ga. They have three daughters: Pat, Carolyn and Anne.

Don is a member of the local Kiwanis Club, a member of the Board of Directors of the Martinsville General Hospital and a member of Anderson Memorial Presbyterian Church.

For hobbies he likes all sports, gardening, hunting and fishing.

20 YEARS George Hardin Yeamans, a native Virginian, was born at Beaverdam, near Ashland, Va.

After completing the local high school, he attended nearby Randolph-Macon College from which he graduated with a B.S. in Chemistry.

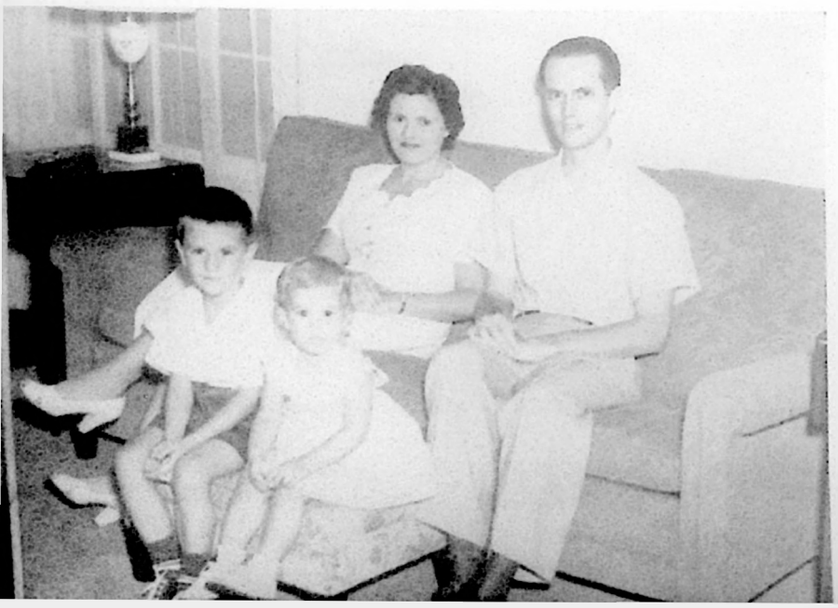
George began his Du Pont service at the Spruance Rayon Plant in Richmond on June 17, 1929, as a Control Chemist. He also saw service as Chemist in Cellophane and the Knitting and Dyeing Laboratories.

In 1939 George was transferred to Seaford where he was made Laboratory Foreman in the new Nylon Plant there.

George came to Martinsville as Laboratory Supervisor on September 20, 1941. He has held this position since he first joined us with the exception of his stay in Military Service and a brief sojourn at Indiana Ordnance Works, Charlestown, Ind.

"No particular hobbies except my work," replied George when asked about these.

Hundreds of your Martinsville and Seaford friends congratulate you, George, on a score of years' service and wish you many more pleasant years with us here at Martinsville.



10 YEARS Emerson Gerald "Jerry" Pase was born in Thomas, W. Va., but moved to Delaware when he was four years old.

After completing high school at Georgetown, he did odd jobs around his home town.

"Jerry" began his Company service at Seaford as an Electrician Helper on Construction in 1939. After a short stay at the Experimental Station in Wilmington, he saw service as Spinning Operator, Spinning Instructor, and Foreman-in-Training back at Seaford.

In October, 1941, "Jerry" came to Martinsville as Spinning Foreman, a position he held until called into Military Service in 1943. In 1946 he returned as P. & S. Shift Foreman. He was made P. & S. Shift Supervisor in 1948.

Virginia West of Milton, Del., became Mrs. Pase while "Jerry" was employed at Seaford. They have two children: Gary, 5½, and Linda, 20 months.

For hobbies "Jerry" likes all sports. He is a member of Patrick Henry Lodge, Knights of Pythias of this city.

SERVICE PINS

20 YEARS Congratulations to another who has obtained a score of years' service with our Company—Robert Newton Crockett.

Another native of Tennessee, Bob was born in Rutherford County. He attended the local schools and worked on his family's farm until he began his service with Du Pont as a Textile Operator at Old Hickory in 1925. From then until 1928 he also worked in Inspection, Spinning and Wash and Bleach. In 1929 he worked in 2A Textile.

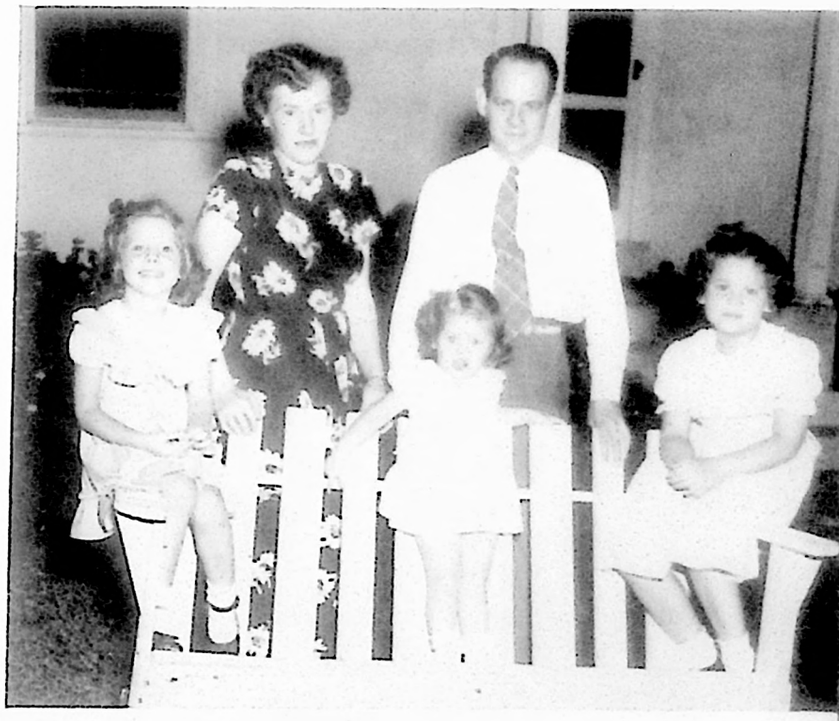
Having demonstrated mechanical ability, Bob began work in the Air Conditioning and Instrument Group in 1932. In 1936 he was made Instrument Repair Mechanic, a position he came to Martinsville to fill in 1941. After a period as Instrument Relief Foreman in 1947, he was made Foreman of that group in November of the same year. He still holds that position.

Mary Waller of Tennessee became Mrs. Crockett in 1929. They have four children: Julian, 19, Frances, 18, Eugene, 17, and Betty Joe, 15. Frances now works in our Plant as a summer student.

Bob likes all sports for hobbies and the prowess of his boys in athletics proves he has instilled the love of sports in them.

Bob is also Boy Scout Committee Chairman for local Troop 72 in Martinsville.

Congratulations to you, Bob and we wish you all success.



10 YEARS A native of the State of Delaware, Dr. Thomas Henry Dickerson graduated from Wilmington High School, attended Harvard University and the University of Delaware where he received an A.B. Degree in 1933. In 1937 he graduated from Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia with his M.D. His internship was served in Philadelphia General Hospital from 1937 to 1939.

On August 1, 1939, "Doc" joined the Medical Division of our Company as Physician at Wilmington. Then when Construction was started in Martinsville in 1940 he was transferred to our city. When the Plant began operations "T. Henry"—as some of his friends like to call him—became Medical Supervisor, the position he now holds.

Elizabeth Higgins (Sis) became Mrs. Dickerson in 1939. They have three lovely girls: Mary Beth, age 8, Lucile, 4, and Susann, 2.

Besides looking after the health of hundreds of his charges, he finds time for a few games of golf. He likes all sports.

He is Past President of the Patrick Henry Medical Society

5 YEAR PINS - - - - All Martinsville Service

EVA NOLEN
Textile

ALICE TUDOR
Cafeteria

ANN McCOLLUM
Inspection

MARGARET DILLON
Textile

PROMOTED . . .

R. L. RICHARDS was promoted to General Manager, Rayon Dept., July 1.

TRANSFER . . .

JOHN BERNARD, Project Engineering, came to us from Old Hickory, July 11.

NEW REPORTER . . .

RAYMOND DARNELL makes debut as reporter for Minor Construction Group.

WHAT EDITORS SAY ABOUT ANTI-TRUST SUIT AGAINST CO.

The issue of bigness in business has been brought out in the open with the press response to the filing of the Department of Justice's anti-trust suit against Du Pont, General Motors, U. S. Rubber, Christiana, Delaware Realty, and 128 members of the Du Pont family.

Following is the immediate editorial comment on the suit, which is regarded by many people as among the most important ever brought against business since the philosophy behind it may decide the future course of economic development in the United States.

Only one unfavorable editorial had been received when this review of press comment was compiled (7-8-49).

The PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER (7-2-49) took sharp issue against the "Government's Attack on Du Pont." It summarized charges made against Du Pont and said:

"To cure certain evils which it finds in the Du Pont set-up, in other words, the government proposes to wreck the whole structure.

"We believe such drastic action may prove unnecessary, uncalled for and even dangerous."

The INQUIRER then said that if the government could prove any part of its charges that "it is more than possible that every needed correction could be made without destroying an industry which has helped this country in peace and war by its research, its products, its employment of many thousands of persons, and the great part it has played in raising our standards of living."

It concluded: "To wage war upon an industry merely because it is big does not make sense. Its very bigness has made Du Pont an asset . . . Making Du Pont toe the line to prevent restraint of trade and unfair practices is one thing . . . but wrecking the whole industry for reasons of politics or spite is quite another, and one that cannot be justified."

The Savannah, Ga., *Morning News* (7-1-49) said:

"This newspaper holds no brief for the E. I. du Pont de Nemours Company, the great explosives and dye manufacturing concern in Delaware, but we are constrained to suggest that the anti-trust suit which is being brought against the concern not only is untimely but that it is possessed of no value whatsoever in so far as good government is concerned.

"From a strictly practical standpoint what difference does it make whether or not the Du Pont family or some other owns stock in General Motors or in any other corporation? Competition . . . prevents General Motors from treating the public any worse or any better than any other automotive concern.

"What difference does it make whether or not the Du Ponts are deeply interested in the affairs of U. S. Rubber Company so long as the Du Ponts are not guilty of criminal acts in connection with that interest?"

In discussing the "The 'Crime' of Bigness" the New York HERALD TRIBUNE (7-2-49) noted that although "there are a great many charges in the government's 16,000 word complaint against the Du Pont interests" that it "would seem that Attorney General Tom Clark believed he summed up the case when he said it was 'directed to the breaking up of the largest single concentration of industrial power in the United States.'

"In this sentence, the operative word is 'largest'—a word which contains no connotation of illegality, inefficiency or social wrong . . . Unless the Attorney General is misinterpreting his own case, mere size is the government's primary target, and not the practices against which the Sherman Act and the Clayton Act were intended to war."

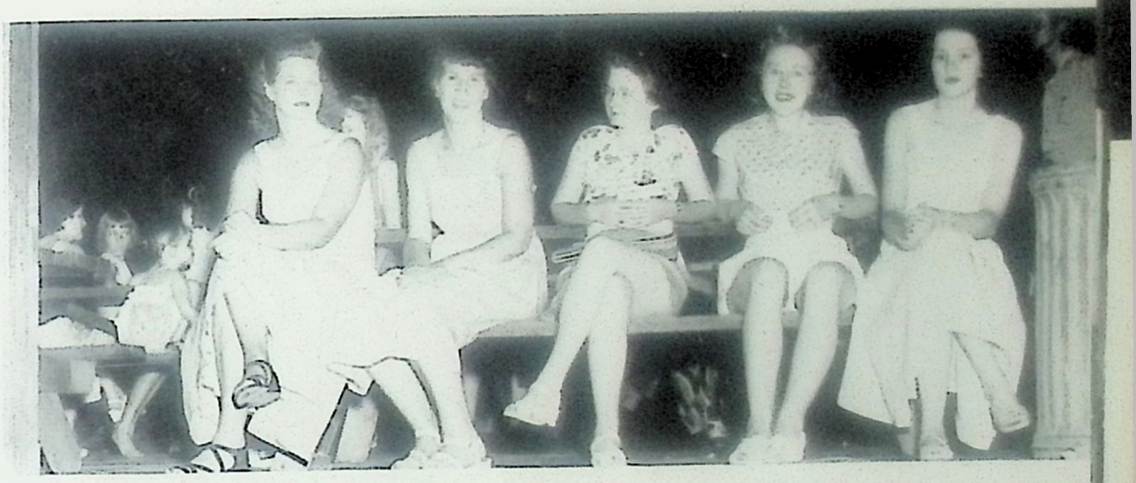
The only unfavorable comment received by July 8, when editorials on the subject were reviewed for this publication, came from the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* which began saying:

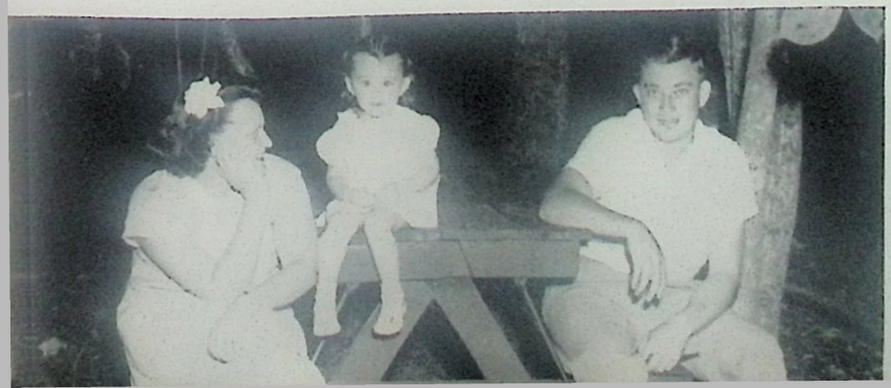
"Attorney General Clark is not attacking bigness as such, but the oppressive things that can be done with bigness."

"Du Pont has used its bigness to maintain monopolies in tetraethyl lead, plexiglass (sic) and cellophane. It has used its bigness to make General Motors its largest customer, especially for its nitrocellulose lacquer, trade-named Duco. It has used its bigness to keep the price of dental plates high to the customer . . ."

"B" SHIFT PICNIC

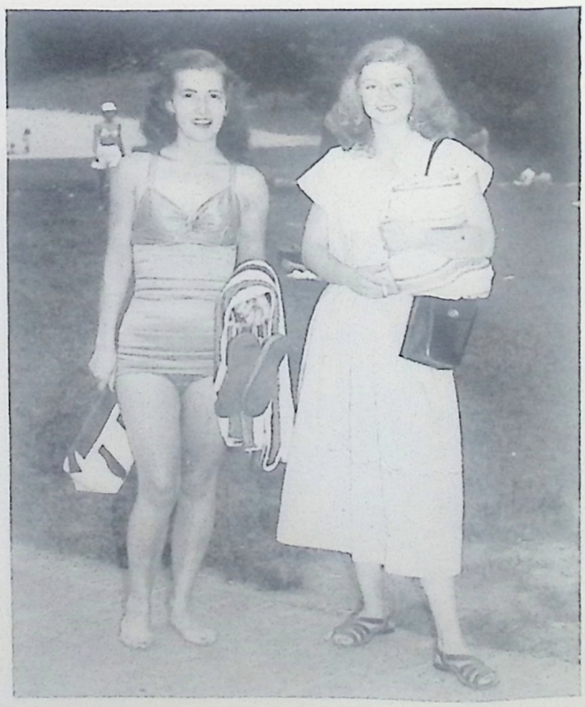
One of the largest crowds to ever gather for a "B" Shift function assembled at Fairystone State Park on Wednesday, July 27, for its annual picnic. Entertainment, eats and drinks were enjoyed by approximately 300 of them.





"C" SHIFT HAS OUTING AT FAIRYSTONE PARK

July 6 was the date for "C" Shift's picnic at Fairystone Park. Approximately 300 employees with their families attended. The pictures here indicate that the fun and food were plentiful.



"D" SHIFT PICNIC

Around 350 employees, relatives and friends of "D" Shift personnel met for their annual picnic at Fairystone Park on July 13. After games for both old and young, fried chicken, sandwiches and soft drinks topped off the day of fun and frolic for the big crowd.

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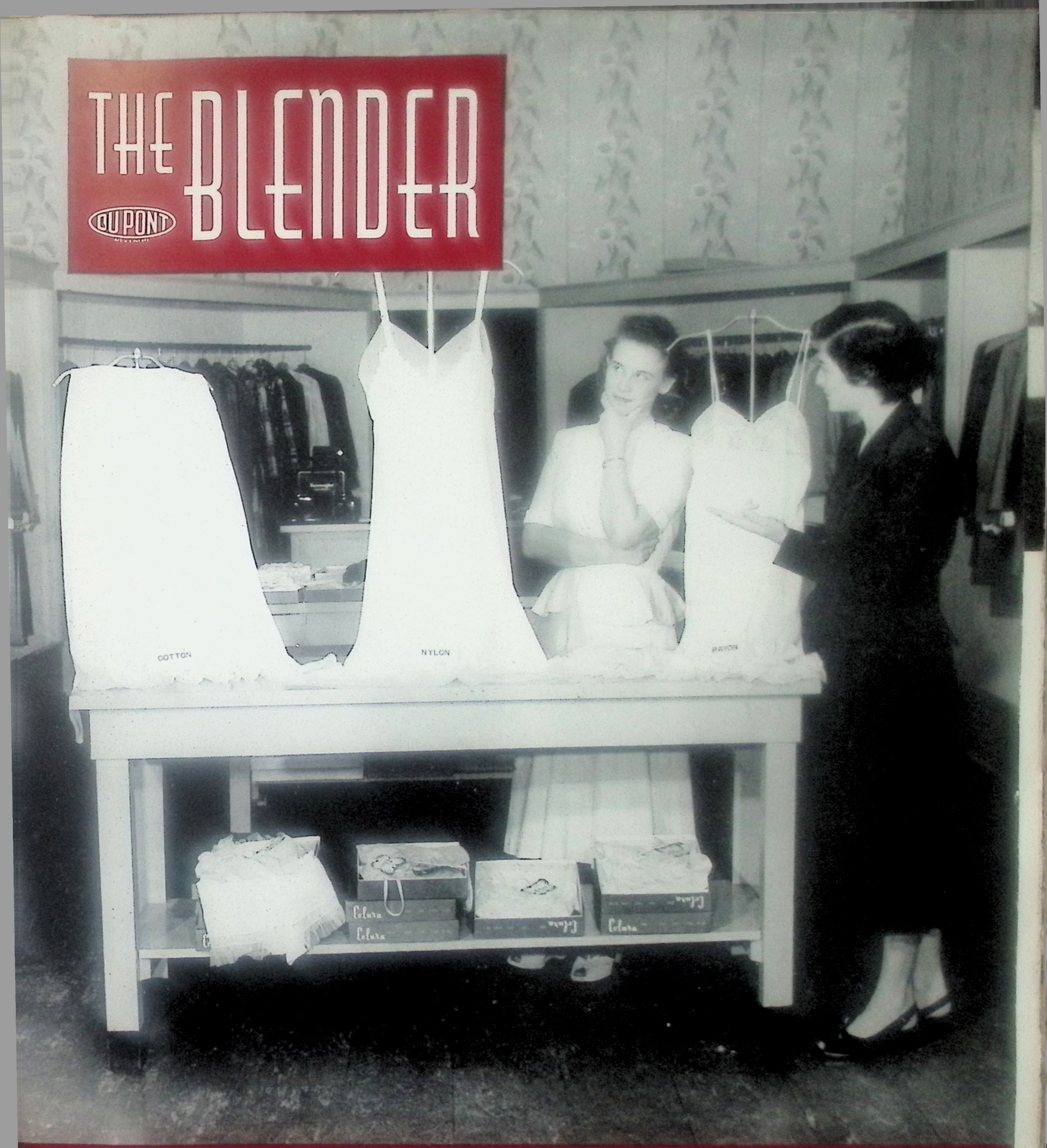

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